

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

INTRODUCED BY L. SHELDON-GALLOWAY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS BE INFORMED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR BECOMING A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT; REQUIRING STATE-LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES TO DISPLAY SIGNAGE; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE SIGNAGE TO STATE-LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Information to be provided to prospective adoptive parents -- foster care licensing. (1) A department or STATE-LICENSED CHILD PLACING agency from which an individual is seeking to adopt a child shall provide the individual seeking to adopt with information related to the requirements and process for becoming a licensed foster parent in this state.

(2) A state-licensed child-placing agency shall display signage and literature regarding the requirements and process for becoming a licensed foster parent. Signage must be placed on the premises in a manner that is visible to the public.

(3) The department of public health and human services shall provide signage and literature to all state-licensed child-placing agencies for the purposes described in this section.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 42, chapter 3, part 2, and the provisions of Title 42, chapter 3, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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